



The do everything vacation Blog:

One year: Oh, this is great news

Yes! Italy is open to foreigners. By summer's end they plan on being fully functional. Greece is planning to let in all travel including cruises back into ports as of July 1st. Fear is a monster.

Greece had just over 3000 cases and 200 deaths. Many regions such as Italy and Canada had it much harder. Yet, we are getting there. May 2021 is basically 11 months away. I totally believe we are a go unless something derails. I also totally understand if you can't do it for financial reasons or you don't feel safe. Family and safety first!! This muchacho is going unless otherwise stated.

As for cruise lines, Norwegian is offering a ton. It looks like we will be free to cruise sometime in October. They are currently taking bookings. I will be looking into deals that might reduce our cost. I can't seem to find any ports that are closed to cruises. Frankly, they need us. By May we should be clean and clear to go. On the Norwegian website they have fully listed all the new protocols to keep us healthy. Some of these changes to the air filters and buffet distribution are

smart and welcome changes. Let me be clear, I will dig hard into a better deal on the same cruise. Yet, the cruise lines are trying to be safe.

This has been trying for us all. Yet, I hope. I plan. I want to dream and live another day. This trip could be a blessing in disguise. We need this to get back to some sort of normal. We were not made to fear! Just take 10 minutes and look at the Parthenon, colosseum, and the leaning tower (of pizza). We need this! I do believe the cruise lines are taking this as a wakeup call. Outbreaks are bad for business. They are bending over backwards to clean up technical issues and keep us safe. We will be getting a cleaner, safer, and cheaper cruise because of the beer bug. That is a good thing. My eyes are on the prize.

There is an interesting twist with flights. Basically, we are now able to book for this trip. Didn't I rant that I would not buy until later? It's a yes and no thing. I will buy now if I can cancel. I will buy now if I can get a good deal and (at least) change the funds to another (domestic only) flight somewhere else. Air Canada will not without paying more. West Jet will cancel or refund once. A curious thought. An agent told me that I could fly to London cheap. Under 800 return. London is not Rome? True, but charters fly to Rome for 100 bucks. I will check into this. In the mean time be safe. Think hard about safety and rational thought. Fear is a bugger!!